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SUBJECT: FY-78 CONSULAR CONFERENCE

1. DEPARTMENT PLANS TO HOLD A CONSULAR CONFERENCE FOR

SOUTH AMERICAN POSTS IN LIMA MAY 8-12.

2. CONFERENCE WILL BE CHAIRED BY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DEWITT AND WILL INCLUDE PARTICIPATION BY SCS, VO, PPT, AND HOPEFULLY FSI, A, DG/PER, M/MO, ARA, INS AND THE CONGRESS.

3. CONFERENCE AGENDA WILL FOCUS ON CA'S EFFORTS TO CONTINUALLY IMPROVE CONSULAR SERVICES. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED IF YOU HAVE PARTICULAR ISSUES WITHIN JURISDICTION OF ABOVE-LISTED OFFICES WHICH YOU WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED DURING CONFERENCE. PLEASE ADVISE ASAP.

4. DEPARTMENT EXPECTS CONFERENCE TO BE ATTENDED BY ONE REPEAT ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH ADDRESSEE POST. IF THIS PRESENTS A PROBLEM FOR SMALLER CONSTITUENT POSTS PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST. TO ENSURE MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO BOTH POSTS AND DEPARTMENT, OFFICER SELECTED TO ATTEND CONFERENCE SHOULD BE THE ONE HANDLING THE MOST PROBLEMATIC RESPONSIBILITIES OR THOSE IN WHICH THE POST FEELS MOST INEXPERIENCED. POSTS SHOULD ATTEMPT TO SEND OFFICER WHO EXPECTS TO REMAIN AT POST FOR SIX MONTHS OR MORE FOLLOWING CONFERENCE, AND PRIORITY SHOULD BE GIVEN TO THOSE OFFICERS WHO DID NOT ATTEND LAST YEAR'S CONSULAR CONFERENCE. IF TRANSFERS NECESSITATE SELECTION OF NEWLY ASSIGNED UNCLASSIFIED

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OR ABOUT TO DEPART OFFICERS, THEY SHOULD BE BRIEFED BY THEIR PREDECESSOR, OR BRIEF THEIR SUCCESSOR, ON SIGNIFICANT LOCAL CONSULAR ISSUES.

5. HOTEL SHERATON, TELEPHONE 329050, LOCATED AT PASEO DE LA REPUBLICA 170 (ONE BLOCK FROM EMBASSY) HAS BEEN SELECTED FOR CONSULAR CONFERENCE. EMBASSY LIMA HAS MADE TENTATIVE RESERVATIONS FOR CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS FROM MAY 7 THRU 12. SINGLE ROOM \$30, DOUBLE \$39, INCLUDING TAXES, SERVICE CHARGES, ETC. (PER DIEM IN LIMA IS \$46.) BECAUSE HOTEL REQUIRES CONFIRMATION ON NUMBER OF ROOMS NO LATER THAN MAY 2, ADDRESSEE POSTS SHOULD ADVISE LIMA, INFO CA AND ARA/MGT, SOONEST FULL NAME OF PARTICIPANT, BASIS FOR SELECTION, DATE OF ARRIVAL, FLIGHT NUMBER, LENGTH OF STAY, AND TYPE OF ACCOMMODATION DESIRED.

6. EMBASSY LIMA UNABLE TO MEET POST PARTICIPANTS AT AIRPORT, BUT ADVISES THAT TAXIS ARE READILY AVAILABLE AT AIRPORT, OUTSIDE OF CUSTOMS AREA. AVERAGE COST IS BETWEEN 700-800 SOLES (DOLLARS FIVE TO SIX) AND HOTEL SHERATON IS WELL KNOWN TO ALL TAXI DRIVERS. PARTICIPANTS SHOULD ENCOUNTER NO DIFFICULTY WITH CUSTOMS/

IMMIGRATION FORMALITIES WHICH ARE MINIMAL. POST'S BIGGEST PROBLEM IS WITH LOST BAGGAGE OF AMERICAN CARRIER, BRANIFF AIRLINES.

7. VALID VISA IS REQUIRED FOR ENTRY INTO PERU BY HOLDERS OF DIPLOMATIC AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

8. ACCOMMODATION EXCHANGE IS AVAILABLE WITH HOTEL CASHIER FOR DOLLARS AND TRAVELLERS CHECKS, AND EMBASSY WILL PROVIDE SAME FOR PERSONAL CHECKS IN CHANCERY CASHIER OFFICE. RATE OF EXCHANGE AT PRESENT TIME IS 130 SOLES TO DOLLAR. LIMA ALSO ADVISES THAT POST COMMISSARY LOCATED NEXT TO EMBASSY WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.
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9. WEATHER IN LIMA DURING CONFERENCE IS EXPECTED TO BE OVERCAST DURING DAY AND COOL IN EVENINGS WITH HIGH OF 75 DEGREES F AND LOW OF 67 DEGREES F.

10. POSTS SHOULD CHARGE ALL TRAVEL EXPENSES TO THEIR POST-HELD OPERATING EXPENSE ALLOTMENTS. IF AN ALLOTMENT INCREASE IS REQUIRED FOR THIS PURPOSE, INCLUDE IN NEXT REQUEST FOR ALLOTMENT ADJUSTMENTS TO ARA/MGT. CHRISTOPHER

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